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- 1. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application mailed November 30, 2000;
- 2. the Patent Application Declaration signed by the inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.63;
 - 3. a check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover:
 - a. the statutory basic filing fee of \$355.00, and
 - b. the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) of \$65.00;
- 4. a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for responding within the second month.
 - 5. a check in the amount of \$195.00 covering the Petition for Extension of Time.

Applicant claims small entity status.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-0201. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$80.
 - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 920.

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